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THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF SALEM, N. H.

For the year ending March 2, 1854.

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REPORT.

The Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the Selectmen of the Town of Salem, for the year 1853, have attended to that duty and submit the following Report:

Receipts.

Cash received of former Board of Selectmen	\$201 19
Balance due on John L. Clendenin's note	260 45
John R. Rowell's note	134 98
To cash borrowed of Obadiah Duston	500 00
To list of taxes for 1853	2758 56
Literary money from the State Treasurer	82 45
Railroad money from the State Treasurer	148 92
J. R. Rowell, Overseer of the Poor for 1853	10 00
County of Rockingham for County paupers, by the Overseer of the Poor	234 00
Overseer of the Poor for produce sold from the Town Farm	34 01
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Expenditures.

Paid State tax for 1853	343 70
Paid County tax 1853	537 48
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Paid out on account of Schools.

District No. 1, Literary Money,	13 07	Railroad Money,	\$14 89	\$106 82
No. 2	do	4 68	do	14 89
No. 3	do	4 50	do	14 89
No. 4	do	9 86	do	14 89
No. 5	do	8 96	do	14 89
No. 6	do	11 06	do	14 89
No. 7	do	8 59	do	14 89
No. 8	do	7 96	do	14 89
No. 9	do	8 09	do	14 89
No. 10	do	5 68	do	14 89
		<u>\$82 45</u>	<u>\$148 90</u>	<u>\$674 71</u>
				148 90
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Paid out on account of Almshouse.

To John Marston, making Bolts, Braces and mending Chain,	53
cts. ; Feb. 26th, 1852, to J. C. Ewins, 12 yards Sheetting,	90 cts. ;
Thread, 6 cts. ; $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Teas, 25 cts. ; 9 lbs. Coffee, 1 00 ; Spencer,	
1 75 ; mustard, 12 cts. ; 1 lb. Y. H., 28 cts. ; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. do 25 cts. ; 4	
gallons Molasses, 1 00 ; $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Butter, 90 cts. ; 1 lb. Y. H. Tea, 28	
cts. ; 1 lb. do 50 ; Copperas, 4 cts. ; 2 Brooms, 34 cts. ; 1 Rifle, 5	
cts. ; Hat and Band, 16 cts. ; 2 lbs. Saleratus, 14 cts. ; Quart Mug,	
22 cts. ; 1 Bed Cord, 34 cts. ; 1 Ball Twine, 10 cts. ; 7 Skeins	
Yarn, 70 cts. ; 2 lbs. Saleratus, 14 cts. ; 1853, 2 lbs. Nails, 10 cts. ;	
1 lb. Y. H. Tea, 50 cts. ; 6 Skeins Yarn, 60 cts.	\$10 73
To Sewall H. Jackman, for the services of himself and wife from	
April the 1st, 1853, to March 31st, 1854,	115 00
To E. D. Sargent, for one pair of Womens' Shoes,	33
John W. Austin, for one Coffin for William Rowell,	3 00
To John W. Austin, for putting in one Cart Spire, 75 cts. ; filing	
and setting Saw three times, in 1852, 60 cts. ; repairing Wagon	
30 cts.	1 65
To J. H. Merrill, for 5 visits and Medicine for D. Pettengill,	
3 75 ; 1 visit for T. Nevins, 75 cts. ; 1 visit to M. Casey, 1 00 ;	
Accouchment for same, 3 00 ; visit and Medicine for same,	
75 cts. ; 3 visits and Medicine for A. Bailey, 1 50 ; for 5 visits	
and medicine for Mourling, 4 75	\$16 25
Moody Foster, 4 yards Satinet, 60 cts.—2 40 ; 36 lbs. Mackerel	
at 8 cts.—2 88 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Buttons, 6 cts. ; 20 lbs. Tongues and	
Sounds, 6 cts.—1 20 ; 1 bag Corn, 1 85 ; 1 lb. best Tea, 60 cts. ;	
16 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Codfish, 65 cts. ; 10 lbs. Coffee, 1 10 ; 2 lbs. Rice, 12	
cts. ; 55 Crackers, 25 cts. ; 1 lb. Tea 60 cts. ; 1 bbl flour, 7 75 ; 1	

ball Thread, 7 cts. ; 1 Broom, 25 cts. ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 20 ; 1 lb. best Tea, 64 cts. ; 1 gallon Oil, 1 00 ; 9½ lbs. Pork, 1 24 ; 4½ lbs Rosin, 14 cts. ; 2 lbs. Saleratus, 14 cts ; 1 bag Salt, 24 cts. ; ¼ lb Cassia, 10 cts. ; ¼ lb Pimento, 6 cts. ; 1 lb. best Tea, 64 cts. ; 4 lbs. Raisins, 40 cts. ; 60 Crackers, 30 cts. ; 7¾ yards Crash, 78 cts. ; 2¾ yards Cotton Flannel, 34 cts. ; ½ gallon Oil, 50 cts ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 28 ; 12½ lbs. Sugar, 1 00 ; 8 lbs. Coffee, 1 00 ; 4 lbs Saleratus, 28 cts. ; 24 lbs. Flour, 1 00 ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 46 cts. ; 1 lb. Tea, 50 cts. ; ½ bushel Salt, 30 cts. ; to bill of goods delivered John Dix for William Rowell, 1 76 ; do 28 cts. ; 1 bbl. Flour, 8 25 ; ½ lb. Cassia, 20 cts. ; 1 lb. Starch 12 cts. ; 4¼ gallons Molasses, 1 36. 48 04.
Paid Asa S. Austin, to work on Wagon Shaft, 38 cts. ; 1 day cradling Rye, 1 75, 2 13.
Paid Seth Hall, for repairing Plough Irons, 5 25.
Paid John C. Ewins, 2 lbs. Nails, 13 cts. ; 1 Axe, 1 00 ; 10½ lbs Fish 42 cts. ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 17 cts. ; 15 lbs. Clover Seed, 2 10 ; ½ lb Cassia, 20 cts. ; 1 Bed Cord, 30 cts. ; Clothes Line, 16 cts. ; 14½ lbs. Sugar, 1 00 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 00 ; 4 papers Garden Seeds, at 5 cts.—20 ; 1 lb. Yarn, 1 00 ; 10½ lbs. Coffee, 1 00 ; ½ doz. Spoons, 21 ; 5 lbs. Saleratus, 35 ; 5 pair Suspenders, 45 ; 10 lbs. Tongues and Sounds, 63 ; 3 yards Calico, 48 ; 11 lbs Mack- erel, 69 ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 34 ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 34 ; 1 Whetstone and Rifle, 19 ; 3 lbs. Saleratus 21 ; Essence Peppermint, 10 ; 19 lbs. Fish, 88 ; Ink, 10 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 00 ; Stone Pol- ish, 6 ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 17 cts.—34 ; 2 lbs. C. Sugar, 20 ; 14½ lbs. Sugar, 1 00 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 00 ; 1 lb. Tobacco, 17 ; 1 lb. do. 25 ; 1 pair feeting, 37½ ; Thread, 12½ ; 6½ lbs. Clover Seed, 1 41 ; 1 lb. Y. H. Tea, 28 ; 17¼ lbs. Fish 70 ; 14 lbs. Sugar, 1 00 ; 1 lb Tobacco, 17 ; 1 lb. do 25 ; Buttons, 8 ; ½ lb. Salt- petre 4 ; 4 yards Cotton Flannel, 50 ; 13¼ yards Sheeting, 1 18 ; 4 panes Glass, 12 ; ½ lb. Putty, 4 ; 1 lb. Tea, 28 ; Door Latches and Screws, 14 ; Senna and Salts, 12 ; 2 lbs. Sugar, 14 ; 1 lb. Tobacco, 25 ; Lather Brush, 6 ; 2 cakes Soap, 10 ; 23 57 Cr. by 10 doz. Eggs 1 40
Paid Charles E. Woodbury, 54 lbs. Beef, at 6 cts., 5 24 ; 64 lbs. do 5 cts., 3 20 22 17 5 44
Paid Henry T. Kimball for opening one grave for pauper child, 1 00 ; do and attending with hearse for Charles Lovejoy, 2 50 ; do do for William Rowell, 3 00 ; do do for William Mourling, 2 50 8 75
Paid Moody Foster, ½ lb. best Tea, 30 ; 12 lbs. Rice, 72 ; 4 lbs. Saleratus, 28 ; 14 lbs. Sugar, 1 00 ; 1 gallon of Oil, 1 00 ; 60 Crackers. 25 ; 1 bbl. Flour, 6 13 ; 14 lbs. Sugar, 1 00 ; 2 hanks

Cotton, 8 ; 13½ lbs. Codfish, 67 ; 2 hanks Thread, 8 ; ¾ bushel Herds Grass, 2½ 82 ; 10½ lbs. Mackerel, 84 ; 2 bags Salt, 40 ; 1 Butter Firkin, 17 ; 4 quarts Herds Grass Seed, 48 ; 3 lbs. Clover Seed, 39 ; 1 Manure Fork, 1 00 ; 19½ lbs. Tongues and Sounds, 1 17 ; 1 Mackerel bbl. 13 ; ¼ gross Matches, 15 ; 1 bbl., 13 ; 9½ lbs Codfish, 52 ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 45 ; 2 lbs best Tea, 1 20 ; to bill of goods to William Bailey's wife, ¼ gallon Oil, 25 ; ¼ gallon Molasses, 7 ; 40 Crackers, 17 ; 1 pint Ram, 6 ; 1 lb. Sugar, 8 ; 3 lbs. Cheese, 9 cts.—27 ; ¼ best Tea, 15 ; paid Mrs. William Rowell, 95 ; 2 pairs Thick Shoes, 2 84 ; 3 lbs. Tobacco, 72 ; Garden Seed, 5 ; 1 bbl. Flour, 5 88 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 04 ; 9 yards Drilling, 1 26 ; 4 yards do 48 ; 14 lbs. Sugar, 1 05 ; 2 Meat Dishes, 50 ; 10 lbs. Coffee, 1 00 ; 1 Axe Halve, 13 ; 12 skeins Cotton, 6 ; 5 yards Print, 10 cts.—50 ; 1 lb. best Tea, 60 ; 1 Hoe, 56 ; 26 lbs. Fish, 5 cts.—1 30 ; 3 oz. Turnip Seed, 18 ; 1 lb best Tea, 60 ; 2 lbs. Saleratus, 14 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 28 cts.—1 12 ; 28½ lbs. Mackerel, 7 cts.—2 00 ; 10 lbs. Coffee, 11 cts.—1 10 ; 1 lb best Tea, 60 ; 14 lbs Sugar, 1 00 ; 25½ lbs. Tongues and Sounds, 6 cts.—1 53 ; 3 Cups and Saucers, 13 ; 1 lb. best Tea, 60 ; 1 lb. Pepper, 20 ; 14 lbs. Sugar, ¼ 7½ cts.—1 00 ; 11 lbs. Fish, 5 cts.—55 ; 7½ do 4 cts.—30 ; ½ gallon Oil, 50 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 28 cts.—1 12 ; bbl Flour, 6 00 ; 2 lbs. Tobacco, 25 cts.—50 ; 6 Pipes, 3 ; 25 lbs, Fish, 4 cts.—1 00 ; 1 bottle Pepper Sauce, 16 ; Rifle, 10 ; 4 gallons Molasses, ¼ 1 12 ; 60 Crackers, 25. 63 66
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1852—Paid Edward S. Woodbury, 32 lbs. Flour, 1 00 ; 1 quart of Oil, 25 ; 1 gallon Molasses, 28 ; ¼ lb. Tea, 12 ; 3 lbs. Sugar, 20 ; 1 lb. Rice, 5 ; 2 pair Shoes, 1 90.
1853—10 lbs. Coffee, 1 00 ; 10 lbs. Coffee, 1 00 ; 1 bag Salt, 18 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 00 ; 17 lbs Sugar, 1 00 ; 1 lb Cream Tartar, 25 ; 17 lbs Fish, 68 ; 1 bag C. F. Salt, 1 50 ; 1 Bush Scythe, 80 ; 14½ lbs Sugar, 1 00 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 12 ; 1 Knife, 4 ; 3 Rakes, 65 ; 1 bbl Flour, 5 63 ; 2 lbs Nails 10 ; 1 lb Ginger, 12 ; 2 Tubs, 1 50 ; 10 oz Yarn, 62 ; 10½ lbs Coffee, 1 00 ; 4 lbs Saleratus, 28 ; ½ lb Coperas, 19 ; 1 bag Meal, 1 98 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 08 ; 4 balls Wicking, 20 ; ¼ gross Matches, 14 ; 15 lbs Sugar, 1 00 ; 9 yards Canada Mixed, 6 30 ; 2 yards drilling, 20 ; 2 lbs Nails, 10 ; 10 lbs Coffee, 1 00 ; 1 Bushel Salt, 60 ; 4 gallons Molasses, 1 20 ; 17 lbs Sugar, 1 00 ; 2 pairs Buck Mittens, 1 00 ; 1 bushel Salt, 65 ; 2 lbs Nails, 10 ; 13 yards Cotton Cloth, 1 17 ; 3 skeins yarn, 33 ; 1 doz Buttons, 12 ; 1 quart Oil, 12 ; 3 lbs Cheese delivered to J. Dix, 36 ; 14½ lbs Sugar

1 00 ; 4½ lbs Coffee, 50 ; 2 quarts Oil, 50 ; Cotton, 6 ; 60 Crackers, 25 ; 15 lbs Fish, 68 ; 4 lbs Coffee, 44 ; 1 lb Tea 50.	46 04
1852—Paid C. W. Woodbury, 3 Chambers, 25 cts—75 ; 1 Basket, 30.	1 05
Paid Charles Austin, 2 lbs Tobacco, 40 ; 12 quarts Grass Seed, 3 75 per bushel, 1 41 ; to goods delivered Pattee, 12 lbs Flour, 50 ; 2 quarts Molasses, 16 ; ½ lb Tea, 29 ; ½ do 29 ; ½ lb Tobacco, 13 ; 5½ lbs Cod Fish, 23 ; 12 lbs Pork, 1 50 ; 1 bushel Meal, 95 ; 3 yards Sheeting, 27 ; 5 hands Tobacco, 13 ; ½ lb Saleratus, 4 ; ½ lb Tea, 10 ; 10 lbs Flour, 41.	6 81
Paid Welch & Morse, 18 lbs Beef, 6 cts, 9½ lbs Veal, 6 cts—1 63 ; 14 lbs Veal, 6 cts, Pluck, 25, 16½ lbs Veal, 7½ cts, 2 33 ; 15 lbs Salt Beef, 7 cts, 8 do 4 cts, 4 lbs Steak, 10 cts, 1 77 ; 10 lbs Beef, 8 cts, 8¼ lbs Veal, 8 cts, 6 lbs Veal, 8 cts, ½ Pluck, 2 16 ; 8½ lbs Salt Beef, 7½ cts, 8 lbs Veal, 8 cts, ½ Pluck, 13, 9½ lbs Veal, 8 cts, 2 17 ; 9 lbs Salt Beef, 7½ cts, 6½ do do, 7½ cts, 8½ lbs Veal, 7 cts, 1 72 ; 7¾ lbs Beef, 3 cts, 6 lbs do 4 cts, 8 lbs Salt Beef, 7 cts, 1 03 ; 15½ lbs Salt Beef, 7, 8 lbs Veal, 7½, 1 66 ; 13 lbs Pork, 9 cts, 4 lbs Salt Beef, 7 cts, 8¾ lbs Steak, 7 cts, 2½ lbs Steak, 8 cts, 2 26 ; 13 lbs Beef, 7 cts, flank, 25, 10½ lbs Pork, 10½ cts, 2 26 ; 9¾ lbs Beef, 8 cts, 19 lbs Pork, 9 1-2 cts, 8 lbs Beef, 3 cts, Head and Liver, 24 cts—3 12 ; 7½ lbs Pork, 10 cts, 14½ Hogs Head, 4½ cts, 140.	23 51
Cr. by one calf, 60 lbs at 6 cts,	3 60
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Paid Earl C. Gordon, for shoeing Oxen, 95 ; shoeing Horse, 48 ; mending Chain, 16 ; mending Fork, 13 ; 1 Bolt, 12 ; to Cockeye, 12 ; shoeing horse, 44 ; for use of Wheels and repairing Bolt, 25 ; shoeing Oxen, 1 00 ; shoeing Horse, 48 ; repairing Wagon, 75 ; setting Tire, 1 00 ; shoeing Horse, 20 ; shoeing Oxen, 1 38 ; shoeing Horse, 20 ; shoeing Horse, 52 ; shoeing Oxen, 81 ; to ring on Tongue, 17 ; to mending Tongue, 17.	9 53
Paid J. Hills and Colman, for making 1 pair Shoes, 1 50 ; repairing Shoes, 45 ; repairing on pair Boots, 75.	2 70
1852—John R. Rowell, for selling and buying Oxen	1 00
Paid Charles E. Woodbury, for eight cords and two feet of Oak Wood	12 37
Paid Elam Dole & Co., for 1 Coffin and Robe at Haynes	4 50
1 Coffin and do for Mourlan,	4 75
1 Coffin and do for Cook	4 75
	14 00
Discount on last one,	50
	13 50 13 50

Paid to Moses W. Hall, for boarding and nursing Margaret Casey, from April 10th to May 2nd, 1853, 2 25 ; for burying her infant child, 2 50,	4 75
Paid to J. H. Merrill, for 10 visits to I. F. Kimball in 1850,	5 00
Paid Josiah Bean, for $\frac{1}{2}$ cord of Wood, delivered to J. Rowell,	2 25
Paid to Sarah W. Merrill, for boarding, nursing, Coffin, and funeral expenses of D Runnels,	10 00
Paid to Charles O. Palmer, for boarding, nursing and clothing James Richardson from Nov. 9, 1853, to Feb. 22nd, 1854,	14 71
Paid to John Dix, for 3 lbs Pork, 38 ; 1 peck of Potatoes, 19 ; 1 doz Eggs, 20 ; 1 Dickey, 16 ; 1 quart Beans ; 3 days labour self and wife for William Rowell, 5 00,	6 00
Paid to Seth J. M. Pattee, for ten days' board of J. Wilson, and moving,	2 50

Paid out of the Cash Funds of the Selectmen.

To cash paid Thomas Little, boot between Oxen,	15 00
To cash paid Abner Gage, for support of Nancy Parker from April 1st 1853 to April 1st 1854,	34 84
1852—Paid Elam Dole, for Coffin &c. for John Ames	5 00
for Coffin for J. Davis' wife,	3 50
for Coffin &c. for S. Clark,	5 00
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	13 50
Paid David Dunlap, filing Saw six times,	97
1853—John H. Dunlap, for boarding, clothing and nursing Sophia Dunlap from Feb. 6th, 1853 to Feb 6th, 1854,	50 00

Paid out on account of Roads and Bridges.

Paid Daniel Silver, 93 hours of men breaking roads 9 30 ; 51 hours of oxen 6 38,	15 68
Paid Ansel Merrill, 9 hours shoveling snow 90 ; oxen 9 hours 1 08,	1 98
Paid Daniel W. Emerson, 6 hours shoveling snow,	60
Paid Alonzo How, for 6 hours shoveling snow,	60
Paid David Duston for 2 men four hours breaking roads, 80 ; two pair of oxen 4 hours, 96 ; two men $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 70,	2 46
Paid Ira Sanborn, for 8 hours breaking roads, 80 ; oxen do 1 00 ; $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours of horse, 50 ; 2 1-2 hours, 25,	2 55
Paid John C. Ewins, 1 days work on the bridge, by J. Webster,	1 00
Paid Robert Lowell, 23 1-2 hours breaking roads, with oxen 16 1-2 hours 1 98,	4 33
Paid E. Woodbury, 6 1-2 hours breaking paths, 65 ; 6 1-2 do oxen 78 ; Levi Emery Jr .do 60 ; Lowell Reed 9 hours do 90 ; Edward Woodbury, 10 hours do 1 00 ; 5 hours oxen 60 ; Samuel Learned 6 hours 60,	1 35

Paid Francis S. Smith, for 23 hours work shoveling snow, 2 30; Also thirteen hours work with oxen 1 62 1-2,	3 92½
Paid Charles Kimball, for shoveling snow 51 hours 5 10; oxen 6 hours breaking roads, 75; shoveling snow 8 hours, 80; oxen 4 hours breaking roads, 50,	7 15
Paid John C. Ewins, for 4 oxen 8 hours breaking roads 1 92; 2 hands 8 hours 1 92; Isaiah Kelley, 2 hands 8 hours do 1 92; 1 yoke of oxen 8 hours do 36; James Ayer, 5 hours do 60; Andrew J. Smith, 5 hours do 60; Joseph W. Emerson 3 hours do 36; A. H. Davis, 3 hours do 36; Andrew J. Silver, 3 hours 36; J. C. Ewins, 4 oxen 3 hours do 72; 1 hand 3 hours do 36; Isaiah Kelley 3 hours do 36; one yoke of oxen 3 hours 36,	10 80
Paid Milo Shed, 5 hours breaking roads,	50
Paid Richard Woodbury, 38 hours breaking roads 3 80; oxen 19 hours do 2 28,	6 08
Paid John A. Wheeler, 59 ft. plank for Liberty Bridge 1 47; 1 day repairing highway and bridge 1 00,	2 47
Paid David D. Bailey, 6 hours breaking roads 60; Josiah Bean 40 hours do 1 20; John Roberts, 13 hours 1 30,	3 10
Paid Isaiah Woodbury, 31 hours breaking out roads 9 10; oxen 15 hours do 1 80,	10 90
Paid Samuel H. Palmer, 37 1-2 hours of oxen breaking out roads 4 50; 37 1-2 hours of men do 7 35,	11 85
Paid To Joseph Haynes, 8 hours breaking roads 80; To horse 8 1-2 hours do 85; Jesse Bradford, 7 hours do 70; Oxen 7 hours do 84; Samuel Kelley, 6 hours do 60; James M. Haynes, do 9 hours 90; Alvah Hall, do 14 hours, 1 40; James Middleton, do 6 hours, 60; Moses A. Kelley, do 8 hours, 80; do oxen, 3 hours 36; E. C. Gordon, do 7 hours 70; Joseph Haynes, do 8 hours 80;	9 35
Paid To Thomas Merrill, 1 day labour on the road near Israel T. Foster, 1 00; breaking out roads 7 hours 70; James L. Foster, do 15 hours 1 50; Levi Cluff, do 5 hours 50; Amos E. Webster, do 3 hours 30; Charles G. Bodwell, do 5 hours 50; I. T. Foster, do 3 hours 30; Ezra Bennett, do 4 hours 40; Charles Palmer, do 7 hours 70; Richard H. Russ, do 4 hours 40; Oliver Russ, do 2 hours 20.	6 50
Paid To E. Duston, for drawing and setting one stone post, and fastening on Guide board, 2 00; To 6 belts for guide boards, 50; To 3 Guide boards, 3 00.	5 50
Paid To George Oldfield, for breaking out roads 18 hours	1 80
Paid John Corning, for breaking out roads 5 hours, 50; oxen do 5 hours, 62 1-2; oxen do 4 hours, 50; man 4 hours, 40.	2 02
Paid To Israel Woodbury, Jr., for breaking out roads 4 oxen 4 hours, 96; mens labour 20 hours 2 00.	2 96
Paid To E. G. Duston, for 155 ft B. O. plank 24 per M.	3 72

Paid to John A. Wheeler, for breaking out roads 2 hours, 20 ; 4 oxen do 7 hours, 1 68 ; 2 men do 4 hours, 80 ; oxen do 2 hours ; 2 men do 5 hours, 1 00 ; 6 oxen do 5 hours, 1 80.	6 76
Paid to David Messer, for breaking out roads 3 men 8 hours, 2 40 ; 4 oxen do 8 hours, 1 92 ; 3 men do 4 hours, 1 20 ; 6 oxen do 4 hours, 1 44.	6 96
Paid to Stephen B. Webster, for breaking out roads 53 hours, 5 30 ; To oxen do 8 hours, 96.	6 26
Paid to Nathl. Webster, for breaking out roads 2 hours, 20 ; oxen do 7 hours, 84 ; man do 7 hours, 70 ; oxen do 2 hours, 24 ; man do 2 hours, 20 ; 2 men do 1 hour, 20 ; do 7 hours, 70.	3 08
Paid to Isaac Thom, for breaking out roads 55 hours, 3 50 ; oxen do 19 1-2 hours, 2 34 ; Horse do 26 hours, 2 60.	8 44
Paid to Benj. Woodbury, for breaking out roads 2 yoke of oxen 4 hours, 1 00 ; S. C. Gallagher, do 4 hours, 40 ; oxen do 4 hours, 48 ; horse do 4 hours, 40.	2 28
Paid to Varnum A. Merrill, for breaking out roads, 2 men 5 hours, 1 00 ; 6 oxen do 5 hours, 1 80 ; men do 3 hours, 60 ; 3 pr. oxen do 6 hours, 1 80 ; 2 men do 2 hours, 40 ; 3 pr oxen do 2 hours, 72,	5 60
1852—Paid to Daniel Taylor for breaking out roads, 2 men and 8 oxen 2½ hours, 1 40 ; 2 men and 12 oxen 3 hours, 2 28,	3 68
1853—Paid Enoch Taylor, for 22 ft W. O. timber, 3 00 ; 1 day's labour on bridge, 1 00,	4 00
Paid to Charles E. Woodbury, for 72 ft B. O. Plank, \$35 per M,	2 52
Paid John Dix, for 1 day's work and cash paid out,	2 00
Paid to Nelson Emerson, for cash and labour on highway in 1852,	1 00
Paid to Charles H. Kelley, for working out the highway tax of the M. & L. R. R. Co. for 1852	1 12
Paid to Thomas Duston, for 100 feet plank, 20 00 per M,	2 00
Paid to Daniel Taylor, for 77 feet plank, 4 cts per foot, 1 54 ; 7 lbs Nails, 28 ; 1 day's labour, 1 00 ; 25 ft timber, 3 50 ; 2 day's labor, 2 00,	8 32
Paid to Samuel Faulkner, for building 2 stone bridges	8 00
Paid to Bricket Bradley, for 9 days labour repairing highway	9 00
Paid to G. D. Kelley, for fixing bridge near I. Woodbury, Jr.	5 00
Paid to Obadiah Duston, for building bridge over Spiggot river, near B. Clendenin's,	70 00
Paid to Thomas Dustin, for 2 tons 26 ft B. O. timber, 13 25 ; 214 ft 2 in. B. O. plank, 6 42,	19 67
Paid to Samuel P. Kelly, for 75 ft yellow pine plank at 3 cts, 2 34, String Piece, 50 ; 60 feet plank at 3 cts 1 80,	4 64
Paid to Thomas Duston, for 79 ft black O. plank, at 30 00 per M., 2 37 ; 254 ft at 30 00 per M. 7 63,	10 00

Paid to Moores Bailey, for hauling plank for two bridges ; one days' labour on same	3 50
Paid to John Dix, for labour and cash paid out on bridge near Pettengill's	1 75
Paid to Joseph W. Emerson, for 54 ft of timber, at 5 00 per M.,	6 85
Paid to Ebenezer G. Duston, for 179 ft of plank at 30 00 per M., 5 37 ; 85 ft plank at 24 00 per M., 2 04,	7 41
Paid to Obadiah Duston, for 32 ft B. O. timber, 4 80 ; 145 ft B. O. plank, 2 in., 4 78,	9 58
Paid to Asa S. Austin, for 43 ft of timber for bridge, 3 00 per M.,	3 23
Paid to Dexter K. Cole, for breaking out roads, 65 hours, 6 50 ; oxen do 31 hours, 3 72.	10 12
Paid to Obadiah Duston for breaking out, 2 men 6 1-2 hours, 1 30 ; 2 pairs oxen, sled and plow, 6 1-2 hours, 1 56 ; 2 men 5 1-2 hours, 1 10 ; 2 pairs oxen, sled and plow, 1 32,	5 25

Paid out on account of Contingencies.

Paid to A. H. Hoyt, for cash appropriated for the Teacher's institute for 1852,	16,00
Paid to Rawson Coburn, for board of Selectmen up to August 27th 1853, 50 dinners 12 50 ; 3 dinners for Moderator, at annual Meeting for 1852, 75 ; Cash in part for services as Town Clerk for 1853, 8 00,	21 25
Paid to Sylvanus P. Massey, for three days services as Constable at annual Town Meeting 1853,	3 00
Paid to Isaac Alexander, for 1 days labor hanging gates, getting out stone at the new Grave-yard	1 50
Paid to David D. Bailey, for journey to Concord to procure a plan of the Town, and Expenses paid out for plan, &c.,	8 00
Paid to Moores Bailey, for returning votes for State officers, per order of Town Clerk 4 00 ; for one journey to Concord, to pay State Tax 4 00,	8 00
Paid to John H. Dunlap, for 4 gates for new Burying Ground, 8 00 ; hinges, bolts and fastnings 7 62	15 62
Paid to E. H. Safford, for printing Town reports for 1852,	12 00
Paid to Wm. G. Sleeper, for notifying 22 town officers 5 06 ; for traveling 61 miles, 3 65,	8 11
Paid to Moores Bailey, for services collecting taxes for 1853, 68 91 For one day to Portsmouth to pay the County tax 1 00 ; horse wagon and expenses 2 78,	3 78
Paid to Israel Woodbury, for 1 day to Manchester, for invoice books and warrants 1 00 ; cash paid for books and expenses 3 21 ; cash paid while taking inventory 1 82 ; cash paid for stationary 47 ; cash for postage 35 ; cash for stationary 25 ; 6 jour-	

nies of horse and carriage to Town house 1 50 ; cash for station- ary 69 ; horse and carriage 8 times to Town house 2 00,	11 29
Paid to Moores Bailey, for service of Pauper notice, Salem vs. Londonderry,	3 00
For 1 1-2 days taking affidavits, in County pauper cases, horse and carriage,	3 00

The following bills were paid out of the cash funds of
the Selectmen.

1851—Paid to Leonard Runlet, for services of pauper notice Salem vs Weare.	7 32
Paid to Benjamin R. Hoyt, for services superintending school Committee, Examining Teachers, visiting schools, making report, and use of horse for the year 1852.	39 60
Paid to John F. Tenny, for one days service as auditor for 1852.	1 00
Paid to Daniel Silver, for breaking roads in 1852, 14 hours of man 1 12 ; 14 hours of oxen do 1 40.	2 52
Paid to Nathaniel Woodbury, for serving notice on Joseph Carr, at Concord, by order of Selectmen of 1851.	2 00
Paid to H. W. Woodbury, for sawing 1-2 cord wood, splitting and piling.	87
1852—Paid to Rawson Coburn, for recording proceeding's of Town Meeting 2 00 ; for do 2 precepts of Constables 1 00 ; for do ap- pointment of B. R. Hoyt, 0 08 ; for do of C. H. Kelley 0 08 ; for do appointment John R. Rowell, 0 08 ; for do return of sale of land in school district No. 1, 0 08 ; for do notice of sale of return of land for taxes, by John R. Rowell, 45 ; for do Invoice and Assessment of taxes for 1852, 6 33 ; for searching records on ac- count of Daniel Chase, 1 1-2 hours 30 ; for cash paid Dr. J. H. Merrill, for copy of records of 32 births and 10 deaths, 2 10 ; for recording the same, 2 52 ; for notifying Jury meeting, drawing jurors and making return, 50 ; for recording perambulation of line between Pelham and Salem, 20 ; for notifying jury meeting, and drawing jurors and making return, 50 ; 4 hours searching record on account of Wm. Greenleaf, 80 ; to affidavit on the same, 50 ; for 1 day at town meeting making records and return, 1 00 ; for recording appointment of Charles Austin, 08 ; for noti- fying jury meeting and drawing jurors and making return, 50 ; for recording oaths of town officers, 1 44 ; for postage on venires, 15 ; for glass and putty for town house, 39 ; for recording per- ambulation of line between Salem and Atkinson, 12 ; for taking care of town house, 2 00 ; to recording 8 marriages, 48.	23 68
Paid to J. C. Ewins, for 1 1-2 days service as auditor 2 00 ; 2 jour- neys to Haverhill for reports, 3 00 ; 1-2 qr paper, 10.	8 10

Paid to Moores Bailey, for services as Moderator at annual meeting 1853.	3 00
Paid to J. F. C. Hayes, for balance due for printing reports in 1848.	5 00
Paid to Rawson Coburn, for balance due for board of Selectmen in 1852	99
Paid to David Messer, for 1 day posting books, 1 00 ; 1 1 2 days with auditors, 1 50 ; 1-2 day regulating check list, 50 ; use of horse and carriage, 2 00 ; for 1-2 day regulating check list, 50 ; 1-2 day settling with Selectmen, 50,	6 00
Paid Israel Woodbury, Jr., 1 day posting books, 1 00 ; 1 1-2 days with Auditors, 1 50 ; 1-2 day regulating check list, 50 ; 1-2 day regulating check list, 50 ; use of horse and carriage 3 times to Town house, 1 00,	4 50
Paid to Obadiah Duston, 1 day posting books, 1 00 ; 1 day with Auditors, 1 00 ; use of horse and carriage, 25 ; 1-2 day with Auditors, 50 ; one day to Boston, on account of Mortgage 1 00 ; 1-2 day to correct check list, 50 ; 1-2 day to correct check list, 50 ; cash paid for expenses to Boston 2 50 ; 1 2 day settling with Selectmen of 1853, 50 ; use of horse and carriage, 25,	8 00
Paid to Frederick Kimball, Jr., for order drawn on J. R. Rowell,	15 00
Paid to Obadiah Duston, for services as Surveyor, perambulating line between Salem and Derry 1 day,	1 00
Paid to William Page, for examining teachers, visiting schools, horse and carriage, &c., as Superintending School Committee for 1853,	33 52
Paid to Nathaniel Woodbury, for services as Overseer of the Poor 1852 ; 1 day to hire Sup't, on farm 1 00 ; 1 day on complaint of M. W. Hall 1 00 ; on complaint of Wm. Bailey's wife, 75 ; To Derry on account of pauper, 75 ; horse and wagon, 75 ; M. W. Hall for T. Nevens, 37 ; Horse and wagon, 37 ; to Seth J. M. Pattee, on account of pauper, 50 ; horse and wagon, 50 ; on complaint of Wm. Rowell, 50 ; boarding paupers and cash paid out, 2 00 ; S. J. M. Pattee, on acc't of pauper, 37 ; horse and car. 37 ; 4 times to Charles Palmer on account of pauper, 1 00 ; for Affidavit for County paupers, 1 00 ; getting money from the County, 3 00 ; settling with Superintendent, 1 00,	15 23

Paid out for services of Selectmen.

To Israel Woodbury jr., $\frac{1}{2}$ day making return on check list, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing jurors, 50 ; 1 day filling books to take invoice 1 00 ; 6 1-2 days taking invoice, 6 50 ; 8 days making and recording taxes, 8 00 ; 2 days making Highway Surveyor lists, 2 00 ; 2 days making Collector's book and appointing town officers, 2 00 ; 1 day writing letters to State and

County Treasurers, and other business, 1 00 ; 1-2 day examining bridge, 50 ; 1-2 day examining roads near Elisha Woodbury's, and cash paid for horse and carriage, 50 ; 1 day examining bridge near Benjamin Clendenin's, and other town business, 1 00 ; 1 day drawing orders, 1 00 ; 1-2 day selling the building of bridge near B. Clendenin's, 50 ; 1-2 day drawing jurors, 50 ; 1-2 day drawing orders and writing contract, 50 ; 1 day accepting bridge near B. Clendenin's, and drawing orders, 1 00 ; 1-2 day examining crossings on railroads, 50 ; 1-2 day appraising schoolhouse No. 10, 50 ; cash paid for horse and carriage, 42 ; 1 day taking invoice in districts No. 4 and 10, 1 00 ; cash paid, 25 ; 1 day dividing property belonging to districts No. 4 and 10, and making tax for the same, 1 00 ; 1 day making tax for school district No. 4, 100 ; 1-2 day drawing warrant and appointing collector, 50 ; 1-2 day rectifying juror box, 50 ; 1-2 day drawing orders, 50 ; 1-2 day on town business, 50 ; 1 day drawing jurors and making orders, 1 00 ; 1 day drawing orders, 1 00 ; 1 day making tax for district No. 10, 1 00 ; 1 day posting books, 1 00 ; 1 day taking account of stock at Town Farm, 1 00 ; 1 day drawing warrant and check list, 1 00 ; 1 day attending to notice given by the Selectmen of Haverhill, 1 00 ; 2 days posting books, 2 00 ; 1 day settling with collector 1 00, 44 17

To Levi Emery, jr., 1-2 day making return on check list, 50 ; 1-2 day settling with former Board of Selectmen, 50 ; 1-2 day preparing books for invoice, 50 ; 6 days taking invoice, 6 00 ; use of horse and carriage 6 days, 6 00 ; 6 days carrying out invoice and making taxes, 6 00 ; 4 days making collector's book and surveyor, and school lists, &c., 4 00 ; 12 journeys of horse and carriage to Town House, 3 00 ; 1-2 day on town business, 50 ; use of horse and carriage, 25 ; 1 day at North Salem, viewing bridge near Col. Bailey's, 1 00 ; horse use, 50 ; 1-2 day drawing orders, 50 ; horse use, 25 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day selling the building bridge, and making contract for the same, 50 ; use of horse and carriage to North Salem, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing orders, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day attending juror meeting, and drawing orders, 50 ; horse use, 25 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day attending juror meeting, 50 ; horse use, 25 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day at North Salem accepting the building of bridge near Col. Bailey's, 50 ; use of horse and carriage, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing orders, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day viewing the Railroad crossings, 50 ; use of horse, 25 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day appraising the old schoolhouse in No. 10, 50 ; use of horse and carriage, 50 ; 1 day perambulating the line between Salem and Derry, 1 00 ; use of horse and carriage and cash paid out, 1 00 ; 1 day taking invoice in Districts No. 4 and 10, and making tax for the same, 1 00 ; use of horse and carriage, and cash paid out, 75 ; 1 day dividing property in Districts No. 4 and 10, on the old schoolhouse, and making tax for the same, 1 00 ; use of horse and carriage, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing orders, 50 ; $\frac{1}{2}$ day drawing orders, and other town business, 50 ; 1-2 day regulating juror box, 50 ; cash paid for getting Railroad money, 25 ; 1-2 day attending juror meeting, 50 ; use of

horse, 25 ; 1 day making schoolhouse tax in District No. 10, and recording the same, 1 00 ; use of horse, 25 ; 1 day making and recording schoolhouse tax in District No. 4, 1 00 ; 1-2 day drawing orders, 50 ; horse use, 25 ; 1-2 day drawing orders, 50 ; horse use 25 ; 1-2 day appraising property at Alms House, 50 ; horse use, 25 ; 1-2 day drawing orders, and making collector's book, 50 ; use of horse, 25 ; 1 day drawing orders, &c., 1 00 ; use of horse, 25 ; 1 day settling with Collector, 1 00, 50 25

Paid to David D. Bailey, services as Selectman $\frac{1}{2}$ day making return on check list, 50 ; horse and carriage, 25 ; half day settling with Selectmen, 50 ; horse and carriage, 25 ; $6\frac{1}{2}$ days taking Inventory, 6 50 ; horse and carriage, 50 ; 1 day on town business, 1 00 ; horse and carriage, 37 ; 12 days carrying out Inventory making and recording taxes and making surveyors list &c., 12 00 ; use of horse and carriage, 2 75 ; half day on town business, 50 ; horse and carriage, 37 ; half day do, 50 ; use of horse and carriage, 50 ; half day examining bridge, 50 ; horse and carriage, 50 ; half day on town business, 50 ; horse and carriage 37 ; half day at jury meeting 50 ; horse and carriage, 37 ; half day giving orders. 50 ; horse and carriage, 37 ; half day at jury meeting, 50 ; horse and car., 37 ; 1 day examining bridge for acceptance, 1 00 ; horse and car., 1 00 ; half day on bridge near T. Webster's, 50 ; horse and car , 50 ; half day on account of R. R. crossings, 50 ; horse and wagon, 75 ; half day in appraising school house in No 10, 50 ; horse and wagon, 75 ; 1 day perambulating line between Salem and Derry, 1 00 ; horse and wagon, 1 00 ; 1 day taking Inventory for school house tax, 1 00 ; 2 days making school house taxes, 2 00 ; horse and car., 75 ; half day revising jury box, 50 ; horse and car., 37 ; half day drawing orders, 50 ; horse and car., 37 ; 1 day drawing orders and at jury meeting, 1 00 ; horse and car , 37 ; 1 day on town business, 1 00 ; horse and car., 37 ; 1 day do, 1 00 ; horse and car., 37 ; 1 day taking account of stock at Alms house, 1 00 ; horse and carriage, 37 ; half day on notice to perambulate line between Salem and Haverhill, 50 ; horse and car., 50 ; half day settling with Collector 50 ; horse and car , 37 ; 1 day do, 1 00 ; horse and car . 37 ; 1 day posting books, 1 00 ; horse and car., 37, \$55 05

Discount and Abatement on Taxes.

1853—Paid to Isaac Woodbury, 50 ; Edward Griffin 5 75 ; Obadiah Duston, 2 13 ; Benj. Clendenin, 1 15 ; J. W. Carleton, 1 68 ; Levi Simonds, 1 72 ; John R. Rowell, 7 14 in 1852 ; John R. Rowell, 1 89, 1850 ; Seth J. M. Pattee, 1 20 ; Moores Bailey for sundry taxes, 20 85, 44 01
Discount on taxes for 1853, 112 63

The Overseer of the Poor, Dr.

To articles sold from the farm, 4 Calves, \$20 ; 5 bushels Oats, 2 50 ;

to horse to Lawrence, 75 ; cash for Fowls, 1 20 ; cash for Shoats, 6 50 ; 1825 lbs Straw, 8 12 ; 65 lbs Cow Hide, 3 60 ; 10 bushels Oats, 6 00 ; 6 weeks board of John Jackman, 8 00 ; 15½ ft Timber, 3 50 ; 2 bushels Oats, 1 00 ; 1½ bushels Potatoes, 75 ; 1 Beef Cow, 28 16,

85 08

The Overseer of the Poor charges the town with the following articles :— 1 Axe Halve, 17 ; 1 box Pills, 25 ; 2 gallons Vinegar, 34 ; 6 yards Cloth, 3 00 ; Thread, 95 ; Cotton, 18 ; Needles, 5 ; 70 yards Cotton Cloth, 4 75 ; 1 pair Shoes, 1 34 ; 20 lbs Fish 60 ; 1 Plow Point, 75 ; 25 lbs Potash, 2 85 ; 1 Green Jacket, 1 67 ; cash paid for Shoats, 16 16 ; fixing 4 Razors, 50 ; 1 day's hay-ing, 1 00 ; cash paid for Pauper, 25 ; 1 Coat, 2 00 ; 6 Knives and Forks, 1 00 ; 1 Tea Pot, 12 ; Cart Axle and fixing, 1 00 ; 12 lbs Fish, 48 ; fixing Tea Kettle, 17 ; 2 Candle Sticks, 25 ; 17 yards Calico, 1 00 ; 1½ day's butchering, 1 50 ; 4 bushels of Rye, 6 00 ; cash paid for use of Bull, 1 25 ; 9 ft Slabs, 2 81,

51 07

Balance paid to Selectmen,

34 01

Recapitulation.

Whole amount in the Selectmen's hands,	\$4364 51
Amount of State Tax,	\$343 70
do County Tax,	587 48
do Almshouse Expenditures,	576 25
do Roads and Bridges,	360 98
do Contingent Expenses,	663 90
do School, Literary and Railroad money,	906 06
do Balance due on J. L. Clendenin's Note,	260 45
do David Messer's Receipt,	500 00
do Cash and Uncollected Taxes in the Collector's hands for 1853,	214 83
Amount of Note signed by J. L. Clendenin, returned by J. R. Rowell,	7 14
Amount of Cash in Selectmen's hands,	318 39
	4739 18
Bills reported and Orders not returned from which deduct,	374 67
	\$4364 51

Outstanding Debts, Against the Town.

Note due Abiah Bailey, May 1st 1854,	\$446 15
do Thomas Duston, April 5th 1854,	305 77
do Ezra Bennet, January 31st 1854,	159 00

Note due Obadiah Daston, March 31st 1854,	530 00
Due on Orders not returned,	874 87
Debts supposed to be out,	50 00
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	1865 59

Due the Town.

From J. L. Clendenin,	250 45
do David Messer's Receipt,	500 00
do Cash in Collector's hands,	214 83
do J. L. Clendenin,	7 14
do Cash in Selectmen's hands,	318 39
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	1300 81
Leaving a balance against the Town,	<hr/>
	\$564 78

Appraisal of the Property on the Town Farm.

Stock.—1 horse, 10 00; 2 oxen, 110 00; 5 cows, 100 00; 3 shoats, 30 00; 15 fowls, 4 50. Produce.— $\frac{1}{2}$ ton oat straw, 5 00; 12 tons English hay 200 00; $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons small hay, 18 00; 4 bush. rye, 5 00; $1\frac{1}{2}$ bush. beans, 3 00; 8 bush. corn, 10 00; 10 bush. oats, 6 00; 120 lbs. ham, 14 40; 5 lbs. tallow, 40; 5 lbs. candles, 60; $\frac{1}{2}$ bush. salt, 34; 50 lbs. flour, 3 00; 275 lbs. pork, 32 00; 100 lbs. beef, 8 00; 60 lbs. lard, 7 80; 15 lbs. dried apples, 1 50; 30 lbs. butter, 6 00; 60 lbs. cheese, 7 00; 1 barrel soap, 4 00; 1 bush. onions, 60; 80 bush. potatoes, 48 00; garden sauce, 8 00; 2 lbs. coffee, 25; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. tea, 13; 2 gals. molasses 60; 10 lbs. sugar, 80; 2 kegs, 50; 3 plows, 10 00; 4 hay forks, 1 00; 2 ox yokes, 2 00; 1 horse wagon, 10 00; wheelbarrow, 2 00; 4 manure forks, 2 00; 7 bags, 1 00; 2 shovels, 1 00; cultivator, 3 00; 1 harrow, 5 00; 1 drag, 25; ox cart, 15 00; joist and plank, 5 00; sleigh and harness, 5 00; 3 chains, 1 50; grindstone, 2 00; 4 scythe snaths, 2 00; 1 pick, 25; 4 hoes, 1 00; iron bar, 1 00; 4 axes, 2 00; beetle and wedges, 1 00; ox sled, 4 00; cheese press, 50; wood saw and horse, 75; whiffletree and chains, 1 00; wrench, 15; clevice and pin, 1 00; manure hook, 25; flail, 25; 4 cider casks, 2 00; shave and hammer, 1 50; 2 augers and sockets, 75; 1 buffalo robe, 50. Bedding.—14 feather beds, 50 00; 11 under beds, 4 00; 34 coverlets and quilts, 14 00; 15 pr. pillow cases, 2 00; 4 blankets, 2 00; 17 pr. sheets, 10 00; 12 bedsteads and ropes, 6 00; 2 pr. shovel and tongs, 50; iron ware, 4 00; 4 earthen pots, 25; 1 cheese hoop and tongs, 33; 1 set measures, 25; 3 baskets, 1 00; 8 clothes chests, 4 50; 2 cheese hoops and safes, 2 50; 2 glass mirrors, 75; 4 meat barrels, 2 00; 2 firkins, 40; 8 casks, 1 00; 8 tin and earthen pans, 1 50; 2 tin cans, 75; 8 pails, 1 00; 4 tubs, 2 75; 2 brass kettles, 6 00; 3 pr. fire dogs, 33; 3 trammels and hooks, 25; coffee and tea pots, 75; tin dippers

and wash dishes, 12; 20 plates, 50; 10 cups and saucers, 40; 14 spoons, 75; 1 doz. knives and forks, 1 60; 6 bowls, 50; 1 strainer, 20; 1 mortar, 16; 1 clock, 2 00; 5 mugs, 40; 1 warming pan, 75; 2 stoves and funnels, 16 00; 4 brass candlesticks, 75; 7 tables, 6 00; 5 chests and drawers, 5 00; 16 chairs, 2 00; 1 foot stove, 17; 1 churn, 50; 2 pr. steel-yards, 1 00, 1 lantern, 12; bread tray, 50; 4 trunks, 1 50; wearing apparel for 9 persons, 90 00; 7 cords wood at the door, 28 00. \$1074 90

Which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES BAILEY,	} Auditors
OBADIAH DUSTON,	
ALVAN HALL,	

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
OF SALEM, N. H.

The Superintending School Committee, for the year ending March 1854, would submit the following

REPORT.

It was with some reluctance that your Committee entered upon duties, involving so great responsibility, and especially in a place where he was so recently a stranger. Yet a desire to benefit the rising generation led him to waive other considerations, and enter upon a performance of the work.

Your Committee has attended to all the duties required by the Statute. He has examined all the teachers, visited all the schools, given teachers those suggestions, and directions which they seemed most to need, in order to their being in the highest degree useful as teachers in our schools.

There are a few definite points upon which your Committee would say a few words. And as we can have but little idea of a school without a house, he will commence with,

SCHOOL HOUSES—Each of the ten districts in town is furnished with a school house with one exception. District No. 10, which is of somewhat recent origin, is destitute. But it is expected that during the present year they will erect a house, which will, to some extent, show both their *wisdom* and their *ability*.

The nine school houses we have in town, are of almost as many grades in point of excellence; ranging from what we may regard a *model* School-house, down to those which seem to be passing through nearly the last stages of their existence.

Those in numbers 4, 6, and 8, are convenient and in good condition.—Those in Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 9, are old, too low, in rather a bad condition, and need to be remodeled, or new ones erected in their place. That in dis-

trict No 2 is ample for the accommodation of that district for the present.— That in district No. 1, is in some respect a comfortable house. Yet your Committee would suggest, that as the district is large, in numbers, as the school room is so low posted, making it almost impossible for the children or for the teacher to escape breathing impure air continually, into which good air is so soon changed in a school room where so many are assembled,—and as it is somewhat difficult to ventilate the house, it *may* be for the interest of the district, to sell their present house to be occupied for some other purpose, and build an house, which shall be larger, on a more modern plan, and in a more retired place where there can be fitted up a pleasant yard for the accommodation of the school.

A good, convenient, pleasant house, so constructed that it can be well ventilated, at the pleasure of the teacher, has much more to do with the improvement of young minds, with the formation of their taste and character for after life, than very many suppose. Very much more might be said respecting school houses, but your Committee will simply add, that *every* school-house should have, *without fail*, suitable *out-buildings* connected with it for the accommodation of the school, that those delicate sensibilities which lie at the very foundation of virtue may be cultivated—not effaced.

TEACHERS. Your teachers, as a whole, have possessed respectable talents, both natural and acquired; and they have been, perhaps, as faithful and as successful as those generally are who are engaged in this responsible and useful employment. The greatest failure which your Committee has found in visiting the schools, both in summer and in winter, has been *a want of order*. This has not been the case with *all* the schools; yet with too many.

Schools without *good order*, whatever may be the intellectual qualifications of their teachers, are worth but little, and do more to encourage insubordination, immorality and vice, than science and morality. We cannot feel too deeply the importance of securing good teachers for district schools; for the impressions which they may make on the minds and hearts of our children can never be effaced.

BOOKS. Your Committee found in our schools two obstacles in the way of their greatest progress, and which should be removed: a too great *variety* of books, both for reading and for studying, and a want of *adaptation* of the book used, to the *capacity* and *attainment* of the scholar. In reading there will be but little advance where youth and children do not *understand* what they are reading about. Yet many were found reading in books *far* beyond their capacity and attainment to understand. Indeed, some of these books were not *designed* for *common district schools*, but for *academies* and *higher schools*. Only a partial change in books has been attempted. Webster's spelling-book, Wells's Grammar, and Mitchell's Intermediate and small Geographies, were recommended, to the exclusion of

all others. There were probably five or six different kinds of Geographies in our schools, some of them so old as not to give the population of some of the large cities, within *half a million*. This being the case, an arrangement was made with the publishers of Mitchell's Geography, to send enough of the intermediate and small to furnish all the schools in town, at less than half the usual price, at the same time taking the old books as part pay in return. In this way all the schools have been furnished with one of the most approved Geographies of the day, with a saving to the town of more than *thirty dollars*.

A similar arrangement might perhaps be made respecting some other books in use in our schools, to great advantage to the schools, and saving to the town.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES. There are a few brief suggestions, which the Superintending Committee would respectfully make to those who are selected to employ teachers, &c. Get the very best teachers you can, whose instructions and examples are worthy to be followed. In order to do this it is desirable that you begin to make inquiries for a teacher, both for summer and winter, soon after you come into office.

This will not oblige you to engage at once, unless you choose, while it will give you an opportunity to make a good selection. Enjoin it upon the person you engage to teach, to apply *immediately*, or as soon as it can be done consistently, to the Superintending Committee, to be examined, and if found qualified, approbated, so that, if he or she is *not* found qualified, you may be relieved of all engagements, and ready to extend your inquiries, and not be obliged for want of time, to employ the first person who may please to call himself a School Teacher.

Two schools in town were not visited by the Superintending Committee at their close, because *notice was not given*. Your Committee would therefore respectfully suggest that those who act as agents for the Districts, in employing teachers, be *particular* to notify the Superintending Committee, when the Schools will commence, and near their close, when they will *close*.

PARENTS.—Parents should feel both a general, and a personal interest in our Schools. They have *more invested there*, than any where else. And the gain, or loss will be the greatest. Your Committee has been happy to meet some of the parents at the examination of the Schools, and he' would have been happy to have seen many more present.

He would recommend that all the Parents in each District, so far as they can, visit their School, Summer and Winter; at its commencement, and at its close, and that they endeavor to become personally acquainted with the Teacher. Sustain him, or her, so far as that individual deserves to be sustained; as they would wish Parents to do for a son or daughter of theirs, when among strangers.

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS.

No.	Districts.	Prudential Committees.	Teachers.	Length in wks	Whole No. of scholars.	No. 4 years in 2 —	Average No.	No. from 4 to 16 years.	No. over 16 years.	Wages per mo	Money in each District.
No. 1	G. C. Bartlett,	H. Dinsmore,	12	69	55.42	2-11	58	11	\$10.00	\$135.38	
No. 2	D. D. Bailey,	H. Dinsmore,	16	20	69.51	4-30	29		14.00	57.85	
No. 3	R. Bailey,	H. Woodbury,	17	20	20.13				5.00		
No. 4	J. Taylor,	H. Dinsmore,	12	38	26.23		32	1	6.00	56.18	
No. 5	E. Austin,	A. D. Gregg,	6	36	21.17	4-30	31	5	10.00	105.95	
No. 6	C. Kimball,	C. E. Hoyt,	11	36	31.28		30	5	8.00	97.18	
No. 7	R. Woodbury,	E. A. Ring,	9	35	36.26		30	5	10.00	97.18	
No. 8	S. Gallagher,	H. J. Haynes,	11	35	28.23	9-22	57	8	7.00	116.15	
No. 9	R. Lowell,	E. P. Nichols,	8	65	35.29		49	8	8.00	99.76	
No. 10	D. Dunlap,	H. J. Bradley,	12	57	42.54		49	8	18.00	66.88	
No. 11	D. Dunlap,	D. W. Tenney,	16	57	65.57		49	8	6.00	66.88	
No. 12	D. Dunlap,	M. E. Emerson,	16	57	49.37		49	8	15.00	66.88	
No. 13	D. Dunlap,	M. J. Dickey,	16	57	57.42		49	8	6.50	66.88	
No. 14	D. Dunlap,	M. J. Park,	16	57	44.85		49	8	16.00	66.88	
No. 15	D. Dunlap,	E. G. Morrison,	16	57	36.81		49	8	8.00	66.88	
No. 16	D. Dunlap,	C. Smith,	16	57	25.15		49	8	13.00	66.88	
No. 17	D. Dunlap,	H. Koyes,	16	57	15.15		49	8	13.00	66.88	
No. 18	D. Dunlap,	D. Dunson, 21,	11	33	23.26	3-10	25	8	15.00	66.88	

The preceding Statistics will be found to be generally correct, though in some few instances it was difficult to determine from the Register what report to make. In closing, your Committee would express his warmest sympathy with all who are laboring in various ways, to promote the interests of our District Schools. We cannot feel too deeply their importance, for here under the influence of the Gospel is our hope as individuals, as families, as a community and as a Nation.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM PAGE, Superintending School Committee.